In regard to a women and children's hospital at Alwaye, Government have before them a proposal to post a woman medical officer at Parur. Whether it would be possible to post a similar woman doctor at Alwaye also, I shall ask the Board to consider.

130. Needs of Parur.

MR. R. VENKATESWARA IYER (*Member, Municipal Council, Parur*) spoke on the need for strengthening the banks of the Kalathodu with masonry work. The expenditure on this account would not exceed five or six thousand rupees. The canal ran through the heart of the Parur town and through thickly populated places. But for the poverty of the Municipal Council, the canal would not have been in its present condition of complete disrepair. It was now full of stagnating pools of water which served as breeding places of mosquitoes. The idea of the municipality and of the public was not to deepen this canal or to make it navigable. They only wanted to keep it as a good drain. This was obviously a work for the municipal council. Government themselves had once pointed out in a letter to the municipality that it was a work for them to undertake. But if the council could not find money for executing it, they had naturally to fall back upon aid from Government. The municipality had only an annual balance of Rs. 1000. This was quite insufficient for them to take up the present work. The work was also one which could not be done piece-meal. Government should therefore do the work for the municipality. If they could not bear the whole cost, they should meet one-half of it and contribute the other half as a loan to the municipality.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Venkiteswara Aiyar, as the Government letter which you quoted states, it is purely for the Municipality and the thodu will not have fallen into its present condition of decay if the Municipality had in past years devoted a certain amount of attention and money to its proper maintenance. You talk of your annual surplus as only Rs. 1,000 and I am perfectly sure that you have no case to expect Government help in this matter. The utmost I am prepared to consider is the question of lending money at suitable interest to the Parur Municipality for its work if it is assured that its financial position is such that there will not be any risk of loss in respect of this money.

131. Urgent Needs of Central Travancore.

MR. DEVARU VASUDEVARU (*Member, Jenmies, Quilon Division*) spoke on the following needs of Central Travancore:—

The Chengannur—Mannar road should be improved and the necessary culverts constructed. Government opened this road some forty years ago. Since then it had fallen into complete disrepair. It was a very useful road both for the purpose of daily traffic and for the purpose of about 20,000 paras of paddy fields which could be protected from the floods of the Pampa by the improvement of this road.

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The old culverts and bridges on the Kulanada-Omallur road should be repaired.

Bridges should be put up across the Kozhipalam and Aikad canals where they crossed the Chengannur-Aranmula road.

The Illimalathodu should be improved.

The Cherimuttu *chira* should be cut open and the canal should be improved. This was absolutely necessary in the interests of the *Punja* cultivations in Kuttanad.

The Kaithathodu should be deepened and made navigable.

Poramboke lands adjacent to rivers and canals in Kuttanad should not be assigned for private occupation. If at all such assignments were made, it should be only in favour of the owners of the neighbouring lands. Otherwise the *vachals* leading from the rivers and canals to the neighbouring *punja* fields were liable to be blocked, which would most injuriously affect the cultivations.

A sub-treasury should be established at Chengannur. The people of Chengannur and the neighbouring fifteen pakuthies were put to untold hardship for want of a sub-treasury at the place.

Institutions on the model of the Trivandrum Sanskrit College should be established in each taluk. If this was not considered feasible one such institution should be established at least in Chengannur which occupied a prominent place in Central Travancore.

The Departments of Agriculture and Industries should be instructed to devote some attention to the development of agriculture and industries in Central Travancore. Particularly, industrial schools should be established in Central Travancore.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Devaru Vasudevaru, the first few items of your representation relate to roads and canals. These had better come up before the Road Boards which are being constituted to deal with such matters. But I shall ask the Chief Engineer to take up the question of the culverts you mention as soon as possible.

You say that the lands on the banks of rivers and canals should only be registered in the names of adjacent landowners. There is a rule in the Puduval Rules that, in the case of such lands the occupants of the adjoining lands should have preferential right in such cases as is necessary for them to have river-side or canal-side land so that they can have access to water frontage and similarly for road frontage. The only occasion when a departure from this rule is made is when the adjacent owner does not want this other land or when the poramboke is so large and so valuable as to render it unnecessary to give more than a mere right of access. So, what you ask for is really now the practice or the policy of Government in the matter.

In regard to the encouragement of Sanskrit education, you will see from the Gazette that a new set of rules to give grants-in-aid in encouragement of these schools, has recently been published. All encouragement that is possible is being rendered to institutions dealing with the teaching of Sanskrit and Vedic instructions.

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In regard to your other suggestions, if you consult the Director of Industries and the Director of Agriculture in respect of the last two items, perhaps, they may be able to help you.

132. Needs of the Agasteeswaram taluk.

MR. D. ABEL NADAR (*Member, Nominated*) said that many of the tanks in Nanjinad had been auctioned away by Government and others were left in a neglected condition. Some of them were so much silted up that they could hardly hold any water. These tanks should be cleared of silt and arrangements made to prevent further silting up. Their bunds should also be strengthened and provided with the necessary out-lets. For all these things there should be a systematic tank restoration scheme. The following tanks required immediate attention :

1. Tanks which required to be deepened :
   (1) Palkulam in Tengumputhur pakuthi.
   (2) Ramasamuthramkulam in Marunkur pakuthi.
   (3) Karumpattukulam in Thamarakulam pakuthi.
2. Tanks requiring escapes.
   (1) Avintakulam
   (2) Kothankulam
   (3) Perumalkulam
   } in Therur pakuthi,
   (4) Kilavanerikulam
   (5) Iyenputhurkulam
   } in Tovala pakuthi.
3. Tanks requiring proper bunds and flood banks.
   (1) Karumpattumkulam in Thamarakulam pakuthi.
   (2) Perumalkulam
   (3) Ramapuramkulam
   } in Therur pakuthi.
4. Feeders to tanks requiring crossbars.

(1) Minchin, Kurian, John and Ramasamuthram blocks in the Tovala channel.

(2) Manulam sub-channel in the N. P. channel.

The following new roads should be opened in the Agasteeswaram taluk :

1. A road to connect Rajakamangalam, Dharmapuram, Zionpuram and other places and thence to join Mankudi road at Tengumputhur.
2. A road starting near the porambokes adjoining the southern maidan in the Nagercoil Municipality and passing through Periavilai and Charakkalvilai from where it should cut across Mukilanvilai road to Athicaud, Pallam and other places.
3. A road from Azhagappapuram road to join Pottakulam.

The ryots' road from the 18th mile of the N. P. channel should be extended by way of Thamarakulam to join the Agasteeswaram - Echanilai road and the entire portion should be taken up by Government for maintenance.

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